

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Scientific and Weapons Research  
FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs  
SUBJECT: Testimony to the SSCI on Soviet Responses to MX-CSB

1. My understanding is that the Director wants to participate in the hearing referred to in the attached letter from Senators Goldwater and Moynihan, but wants me to testify on the technical aspects of Soviet responses to Dense Pack. [ ] will be handling the preparations for this testimony for the Director. 25X1

2. The controversial nature of the Dense Pack proposal and the complexity of Soviet responses requires that the testimony of DCI representatives and that of other witnesses addressing Soviet response be coordinated to assure clarity in communication of agreed and differing judgments. I plan to coordinate directly with the action officers preparing the testimony of the other witnesses to assure the most effective response to the Committee's questions.

3. We will require some information from OSWR to use as a basis for drafting our testimony. The following input from OSWR is requested:

- We can address the first part of the first question listed in the attached letter using the background paper prepared for the DCI by OSWR. However, we should have our weapons experts in NED contact those in DNA to develop a common position on crater radii for surface bursts and earth penetrators for use in responding to this question. We will also need your response to my memorandum concerning Soviet capabilities to develop soft landers.
- We need OSWR inputs for our response to the last three questions, together with any proposed tables and graphics to simplify the presentation.

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4. Please identify an action officer to work with us in preparing the testimony and the necessary back-up papers. Also, one or more OSWR officers knowledgeable on key aspects of our assessments of Soviet responses should be prepared to attend the SSCI hearing as expert witnesses.

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